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ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

REPORTED BY G. H. WHEELER, AUBURN, N. Y.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SITTING.

ITHACA, N. Y., Aug. 22, 1882.

The eighteenth annual session of the Grand Lodge, I. O. of G. T., of the State of New York, convened in Library Hall, in this village, this morning, and was called to order at 10 o'clock by Bro. W. Martin Jones, G. W. C. T. The roll call showed all the Grand Lodge officers present save the G. W. Chap., G. W. G., G. W. Sent., and G. W. A. S. All but the G. W. G. put in an appearance later in the session. The Grand Lodge degree was conferred on a large number of representatives and honorary members, after which, on motion of Bro. B. C. Miller, of Kings County Lodge, No. 41, the Grand Lodge opened in subordinate degree. Bro. J. N. Stearns, from the constitutional prohibitory amendment convention committee presented a report, relating the fact of the holding of a convention in November last, at which about 250 delegates were present, and that as a result, about 60,000 signatures to petitions were obtained, asking the legislature to submit the question of constitutional amendment to the people. The committee submitted resolutions demanding of the legislature a submission to the people the question of constitutional amendment, forever prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; recommending another constitutional amendment convention this fall; the appointment of a committee to take the necessary steps in this direction; and demanding of the political parties in this state a plank in their platform favoring the submission of a prohibitory constitutional amendment to the people at a general or special election set apart for that purpose. The report was adopted without a dissenting vote.

A communication was read and placed on file from the officers of Cornell University inviting the Grand Lodge to visit that institution. A communication from J. B. Finch in reference to the missionary collection called for by the R. W. G. L. was referred to a special committee on temperance literature. Communications were read from Thousand Island Park, Chautauqua Lake and Round Lake Associations, in reference to the next place of session, and on motion of Brother A.

S. Draper, P. G. W. C. T., the same were referred to a committee, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to make nominations for next place of session. The following were nominated: Rochester, Syracuse, Binghamton, Thousand Island Park, Chautauqua Lake, Round Lake, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Cooperstown, New York. On motion of Brother Alden Chester the following committees were ordered: Distribution, Constitution, Official Organ, Juvenile Temples, Political Action, Subordinate Lodges, County Lodges, Degrees.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SITTING.

Bro. W. Martin Jones called the Grand Lodge to order at 3 p. m. Additional representatives were reported present and entitled to the Grand Lodge degree, and the G. W. Counselor was designated to confer the same. Bro. Alden Chester presented a report from the representatives to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, giving a *resume* of the most important work of that body, nearly all of which has been published in THE OFFICIAL ORGAN. The following, however, is quite important and hence we give it again: "Clearance Cards shall be valid until revoked by the lodge issuing them, except in case of the surrender or revocation of the charter, in which case the member holding the card to be subject to discipline by the authorities of his Grand Lodge."

Bro. A. S. Draper made a lengthy report from special committee on prizes, recommending that a system of prizes be adopted and proposing prizes for Lodges and District and County Deputies. On motion of Rev. R. D. Munger, of No. 242, the report was made a special order for Wednesday at ten o'clock. A communication from the Ithaca Organ and Piano Company was received and filed inviting members to visit their manufactory. Bro. M. A. Fowler offered resolutions which were adopted, endorsing Rev. T. F. Parker's "History of Good Templary" and instructing the G. W. S. to put the same in the list of supplies of the Grand Lodge and to keep the same on hand for sale. A large number of other resolutions on various subjects were read and referred to their proper committees.

Bro. D. M. Van Cott, from special committee on a beneficiary system presented a lengthy report, which was read and finally tabled. The G. W. C. T. announced the several commit-

tees, after which Bro. G. H. Wheeler, of No. 242, presented the report of the special committee on degrees, which on motion of Bro. George Stevenson, was made a special order for Wednesday at three o'clock. Wednesday morning was designated as the time for nomination of officers and Wednesday evening for election.

TUESDAY EVENING—PUBLIC MEETING.

At an early hour members of the order began to assemble in front of Library Hall, and shortly before eight o'clock, clothed in regalia, headed by the Onondaga Indian Band, about five hundred representatives and past representatives marched to State street M. E. Church, and in a short time every seat in the church was filled. The exercises were under the direction of Bro. G. W. Benjamin. Invocation by Rev. A. S. Durston, G. W. Chap. An address of welcome was made by Prof. Fox Holden, in which he marked the progress of the Order since its organization thirty years ago; he also dwelt somewhat upon the character of the Good Templary work. The response was given by W. Martin Jones, G. W. C. T., who expressed special pleasure in responding to the cordial welcome received amid such scenes and in a place of such historic virtue and hallowed influences. He also traced the work of the Order and spoke with much energy of the movement in Iowa and Kansas which, like a cyclone, is now sweeping eastward. Other short addresses were made by Rev. C. H. Beebe, Rev. B. K. Douglas, Rev. Mr. Transue, Mrs. C. E. Gilbert, C. S. of J. T., J. N. Stearns and Rev. W. C. Hendrickson. The exercises were enlivened with music from the band and Dr. Howe's orchestra. A collection of thirty-eight dollars was taken for the benefit of the band, and the meeting closed with benediction by Rev. Mr. Hamlin.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SITTING.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 23d, 1882.

The G. W. C. T.'s gavel fell at nine o'clock. The special order being the nomination of officers, the following were nominated: For G. W. C. T., W. Martin Jones, Dr. D. H. Mann; for G. W. C., A. R. Frost, Geo. R. Sheldon; for G. W. V. T., Mrs. O. E. Griffin; for G. W. S., D. W. Hooker; for G. W. T., I. C. Andrews, D. M. Van Cott; for G. S. of J. T., Mrs. G. H. Niver; for Board of Managers,

Mrs. A. E. Curtis, J. L. Mitchell, G. H. Wheeler, A. C. Chapman, Chester Belding, Richard Kennedy, R. M. Tinkham, E. M. Fitz Gerald; for Representatives to the R. W. G. L., W. Martin Jones, Alden Chester, C. S. Hall, Rev. A. S. Durston, John N. Stearns, T. Thomas Fortune, Mrs. C. Boughton, Rev. C. H. Beebe, H. D. L. Sweet, E. M. Fitz Gerald, Albert Cusic. During the progress of the nominations, Mrs. Goff, of New York, was accorded the floor to speak upon the subject of the Malins organization, and the necessity of this Grand Lodge doing something to spike the guns of that body. The special order being the consideration of the report on prizes, discussion ensued and the report was finally tabled. The finance committee made a report recommending that the prize banner offered by the G. W. C. T., be awarded to Ancient City Lodge, No. 174, of Schenectady county in accordance with the terms of the offer. (See November number of THE OFFICIAL ORGAN.) The report was adopted, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge extended to the G. W. C. F. for his generosity.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SITTING.

At three o'clock the Grand Lodge was called to order by G. W. C. T. Jones. The report of the committee on degrees was taken up and after some discussion tabled. Bro. R. Kennedy, from committee on distribution reported, referring the several parts of the reports of officers to their appropriate committees and the report was adopted. Rev. E. Jones, from special committee on place of next session reported that, if the Grand Lodge were to select any of the watering places for holding next session, the committee thought Chautauqua offered the most inducements. The report was adopted. Rev. W. C. Hendrickson, from committee on Scandinavian work, reported favorably for the organization of a Scandinavian Grand Lodge, conditionally adopted. Another batch of resolutions was presented and referred. The G. W. C. T. announced committee on Grand District system and recess was taken until eight o'clock.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SITTING.

At 8:06 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called to order by the G. W. C. T. Tellers were appointed and the Grand Lodge proceeded to vote for the several offices to be filled and place of next session. There being only one candidate for each of the offices of G. W. V. T., G. W. S. and G. S. of J. T., the G. W. M. was instructed to cast the ballot of the Grand Lodge for Mrs. O. E. Griffin for G. W. V. T., D. W. Hooker for G. W. S., and Mrs. G. H. Niver for G. S. of J. T., and said candidates were declared duly elected. While the tellers were counting the

votes several resolutions were offered and referred to their proper committees. Bro. M. A. Fowler, from committee on state of the Order, reported, congratulating the order upon its continued and increased prosperity; adversely to employing a G. L. Lecturer for the cities of New York and Brooklyn; adversely to the preparation of a digest for this state, and favorably in reference to Subordinate Lodges securing their supplies of the G. W. S. The report was adopted. Bro. S. C. Lusk offered a resolution that the G. W. S. be requested to prepare and forward to the Legislature a petition in favor of woman suffrage. Adopted. At this point the tellers reported the election of Bro. W. Martin Jones to the office of G. W. C. T.; also the election of Bro. A. R. Frost to the office of G. W. C.

The report of the finance committee was taken up, and the first recommendation "that the salaries of officers be the same as last year, viz: G. W. C. T. and G. W. S., \$1,200 each; G. W. T., \$100; G. S. of J. T., \$250, and the institution fee for Juvenile temples be \$2.50; that the bonds of the G. W. S. and G. W. T. be fixed at \$3,000 and \$5,000 respectively." Adopted with but two dissenting votes. The second recommendation was "that the Grand Lodge tax remain as at present—ten cents per capita." Referred to committee on constitution. The third provides for the payment of "the quota of assessment levied upon this Grand Lodge by the R. W. Grand Lodge to constitute a missionary fund, by draft directly out of the treasury." Adopted. The fourth thanks "the G. W. C. T. and G. W. S. for their acceptable services in publishing and mailing THE OFFICIAL ORGAN, during the year, with so little expense to the Grand Lodge." Adopted. The fifth thanks the county lodges of Chemung, Monroe, Onondaga and Tompkins, for honorable services rendered the Order by meeting the expenses of the work of the Grand Lodge Lecturers in their respective counties, and calls upon county deputies specially to prevent appropriations of the county lodge fund to other than lectures, missionary or other necessary work in propagating the Order. Adopted. Tellers on place of next session reported that Syracuse had a plurality of votes and it was declared duly elected. A subscription was taken for the band, amounting to \$72.94. This, together with what was previously secured, made \$116.94 for that purpose. Tellers on board of managers reported the election of Bros. R. M. Tinkham and J. L. Mitchell. At 10:38 recess was taken till 9 o'clock Tuesday.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SITTING.

THURSDAY, AUG. 24, 1882.

Grand Lodge opened at 9 o'clock, with Bro. W. Martin Jones, G. W. C. T.

in the chair. The vote on place of next session being questioned, a special committee was appointed to consider the report of the tellers and report the facts. Tellers on Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge reported the election of Alden Chester, W. Martin Jones, Rev. A. S. Durston, Mrs. Dr. C. Boughton, Rev. C. H. Beebe. Alternates, John N. Stearns, T. Thomas Fortune, George Stevenson, C. S. Hall, Albert Cusic.

Mrs. M. B. O'Donnell, from committee on Juvenile Temples reported, reviewing the progress of the past, recommending the circulation of the *Youth's Temperance Banner*, and providing for the payment of the tax imposed by the R. W. Grand Lodge, if found to be constitutional. Bro. A. S. Draper, from special committee to examine tellers' reports, reported that no election for place of session had been made, and recommended a new election. Adopted.

Unanimous consent was given to present several resolutions which were referred. Several candidates for place of session and Board of Managers were withdrawn, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to vote upon the same. While the votes were being counted Bro. J. N. Stearns reported from committee on Political Action. The report congratulates the Order upon the fact that the principle of absolute prohibition, as taught by the Good Templars, is rapidly becoming accepted by the people as the only method to extirpate the evil; it also acknowledges that the government should enfranchise the Indian. Adopted. Dr. D. H. Mann, from committee on appeals, reported concurrence in all the decisions of the G. W. C. T. Adopted. On motion of Bro. Alden Chester, the G. W. S. was instructed to have mourning badges manufactured and to keep a small supply on hand, as samples from which lodges might manufacture.

Bro. M. A. Fowler, from committee on Official Organ, presented a report, thanking the G. W. C. T. and G. W. S. for their labor in preparing and issuing THE OFFICIAL ORGAN; recommending its continuance, and that it be sent to each lodge during the year, and each lodge be taxed ten cents per quarter to pay for the same. Adopted. The committee on county lodges presented their report, approving the county lodge ritual, and recommending its use in all the county lodges. Adopted. A long preamble and resolutions were presented by Bro. Milo A. Root, of No. 836, the consideration of which was made a special order immediately after reading of journal in the afternoon. Other resolutions were presented and referred. Tellers on Board of Managers reported the election of Mrs. A. E. Curtis; on place of session, that Syracuse was selected.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SITTING.

The last sitting of the session was called to order promptly at 3 p. m., by the G. W. C. T. Bro. Root's resolution was taken up and the following substitute was adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend to the friends of temperance throughout the state to carefully ascertain how the candidates for the Assembly and Senate, of the various counties stand upon the submission of a constitutional amendment forever prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, to the vote of the people, and to vote only for such candidates as will favor such submission.

The bonds of the G. W. S. and G. W. T. were approved. The special order being installation of officers, Bro. R. E. Sutton, P. G. W. C. T., performed that service in the impressive form provided in the Grand Lodge ritual. The names of the officers installed are given in full on the title page of THE OFFICIAL ORGAN.

After installation the G. W. C. T. spoke extemporaneously substantially as follows:

Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York:

In assuming for the second time, for a full term, the duties of this position, I do so with the same feelings I entertained one year ago, when, under like circumstances I expressed to you in few words my sentiments on the subject. I have no promises to make, except that I will try to be faithful. I have no pledges to give, other than that I will, to the best of my ability, advance the interests of the Order within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. I ask your help, for I cannot succeed without it; not the help of a party or faction, but the help of the whole Order in the State of New York, for with anything less than that help I shall fail. I feel, as I look upon the faces before me, that I shall have the assistance I ask, and I thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me in placing me in this position, and the assurance I see in your faces, of cordial co-operation in my honest endeavors to discharge its duties faithfully.

Bro. A. S. Draper, from committee on constitution, presented a report which was taken up *seriatim*. As adopted it provides that the recommendations of the Board of Managers in reference to per capita tax be adopted; that the Grand Lodge constitution be so amended as to allow the organization of new lodges in towns, cities and villages where lodges exist, at the discretion of the G. W. C. T. and G. W. S.; that a county or lodge deputy must have held some office prior to his appointment, except in the case of new lodges. This action to take effect January 1, 1883. That to Art. II, Sec. 4, of the county lodge constitution be added: "But in no case shall the rate of representation from subordinate lodges exceed three delegates from each lodge having forty members or less, and one additional delegate for each twenty members in excess of such number." The committee also reported adversely on a large number of resolutions, proposing a variety of changes, constitutional and

otherwise; and the entire report was adopted. The only points which brought out discussion were those in reference to organizing new lodges in cities, etc., without consent of existing lodges, and eligibility to deputyships. Another point in the report adopted provides that the office of W. S., as well as those of W. C. T. and W. V. T., shall make a member eligible to the Grand Lodge degree.

Bro. Niver, from the committee on the grand district system, presented a report recommending the continuance of the system, and that the number of district conventions shall not exceed two in one year in any grand district. A resolution providing for payment of the expenses of the grand district deputies was stricken out, and the report adopted. The only expenses provided for are those necessary for printing notices, calls of conventions and postage.

The resolution adopted to petition the legislature for female suffrage was reconsidered and the following substitute, offered by Bro. E. Cook, of No. 456, was adopted:

Resolved, That the elective franchise in the hands of women would be a powerful incentive to the cause of temperance.

Rev. C. H. Beebe, from committee on subordinate lodges, reported that loyalty to the Order was indicated by attendance at lodge meetings, and reminds subordinate lodges of the need of the R. W. G. L. for the literature fund, and urged them to take collections therefor; adopted. Bro. A. Conklin, from committee on temperance literature, reported, that each lodge in this jurisdiction be requested the first week in October to raise at least one dime per member for the literature fund; recommended the publications of the National Temperance Publishing House, and those of the Revolution Temperance Publishing House at Chicago, D. C. Cook, proprietor, for the patronage of, and distribution by, members of the Order. Adopted.

The report of the finance committee was presented and adopted making appropriations for expenses of the present session. An appropriation of thirty-five dollars was also made to meet the expenses of Mrs. C. Gilbert, Chief Superintendent of Juvenile Temples. A motion by Bro. Alden Chester was carried, that no action heretofore taken by this Grand Lodge shall be construed as conferring upon County Lodge officers the right to vote at County Lodge sessions, except they be regularly elected delegates.

Thanks were extended to the several companies granting a reduction of fare to those attending the Grand Lodge, and others who had contributed to the interest of the present session. Thanks were also extended to the G. W. C. T. for the fair and impartial manner in

which he had presided over the deliberations of the session. A. R. Frost, A. S. Draper and J. C. Sauter were made committee on appeals. At 6:45 o'clock the eighteenth session of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York closed.

NOTES.

The session just closed was the most harmonious and successful we have ever attended.

Not a single roll call for ayes and nays was demanded.

The lodge meeting Monday evening was largely attended and to a great extent forecast the nature of the proceedings.

The morning prayer and praise meetings were successful and betokened great zeal and earnestness on the part of the members.

Only a Drunkard.

The following poem was read at Onondaga County Lodge by its author, Bro. Geo. G. Annable, of Salt Springs Lodge of Syracuse.

ONLY a drunken man killed by the train;
Only a drunkard by intemperance slain;
Onward, rush onward, no time for delay;
Blow the shrill whistle and hasten away.

Only a drinking man, cries the wild throng,
Killed by the demon king, culled by death's gong.

Why should the tears fall, why the heart ache?
Only a drinking man, drowned in the lake.

Only a drunkard, the editors write,
On his way homeward late in the night,
Fell from his wagon-seat down on the road,
Wheels running over him, crushed by the load.

Only a drunkard—is flashed on the air,
For his widow and children nobody'll care,
Impartial the jury, all will agree,
Only a drunken man killed in a spree.

Only a drunkard's wife, washing for bread,
Her joy and her comfort long years ago fled;
In her hovel by night, o'er her wash-tub by day,
To the God of a drunkard's wife she only can pray.

Only a drunkard's child, hungry and cold,
Passed by the millionaire with his treasure of gold;
Scorned by a haughty world, scoffed at by pride,
But for this suffering child a Saviour has died.

Only five hundred saloons in our fair Syracuse,
The voters have licensed our boys to seduce
With the drink of damnation, that beverage of hell,
The ballots of freedom have licensed to sell.

Away with these gateways of ruin and crime,
Away with the traffic, the curse of our time,
Away with politicians who go down in the slum,
And up with the statesmen who dare to curse [rum].

Now, brothers and sisters, at this evening hour,
We are drilling an army, soon to march forth with power,
To the field of the conflict, for God and for right,
Let the Good Templar army keep the front in the fight.

To this end let us work, let us pray, let us vote,
Till our banner of Temperance in triumph shall float,
Till the cause that we honor and our fair land shall be [free].
From the curse of intemperance for ever set

[For The Official Organ].

Consistency.

BY ROSALIE GRAY.

In savage lands brute force holds sway; in the old countries of Europe pride of family reigns: among parvenues of all nations money is worshipped; and with us the aristocracy of intellect is acknowledged to be supreme. Let a man or woman accomplish some great work which proves the possession of exceptional talent, of deep and well-directed thought, of superior culture, and the whole country bows in adoration of the master mind.

Legislature votes to set aside sums for purposes of education; schools and colleges are established, and the youth are urged to avail themselves of the means to higher intellectual culture placed within their reach. At the same time legislature votes practically to set aside still larger sums for the support of the liquor traffic, which is to dim, or altogether extinguish the intellect, and impede the work of these institutions of learning.

Again, money is freely contributed for the support of the gospel, which teaches men to respect one another's rights; to keep the Sabbath; to cultivate all the virtues; and to be peaceable and law abiding citizens. The same men who give largely to this object say, by their votes, that the liquor power shall stalk abroad unchecked, turning men into fiends, teaching them to break the laws of God and man; to pay no respect to the Sabbath; to commit murder, arson, theft, and every species of violence and crime.

Societies are organized for the relief of the poor, that they may be protected from cold and starvation by supplies of fuel and clothing and food. And license is granted to the husbands, fathers, brothers and sons of these needy ones to rob them of the necessities of life thus furnished, and pawn them for the rum which is to turn their homes into dens of violence and misery and want.

What should we think of a man who, possessing a large garden, bent all his energies to the cultivation of rare and beautiful plants, digging and watering, and evolving new plans for the promotion of greater and more rapid growth; studying what others have written, that he might avail himself of the latest ideas for the furtherance of his pet hobby; seeking gardeners of acknowledged talent and skill, and paying high prices for choice horticultural specimens; and, at the same time, tolerating, in the midst of all this beauty, a poisonous tree, which, with its fatal exhalations, should sully the purity, blight the growth, and sap the very life of the loveliness he was so assiduously cultivating? He might occasionally lop the branches and hedge in the roots to retard in a measure its growth; but the very fact that it was

allowed to remain at all, that it was not immediately destroyed, root and branch, thus freeing the garden from its pernicious influence, and leaving more room for such plants as were truly desirable—would prove to us conclusively that the man was not in his right mind.

This same deadly influence which is at war with everything that is right and pure and good we are harboring in our country, and protecting with our laws. It is not sufficient to say that those who do not wish to use it can let it alone; many who would gladly be free from its tyranny *cannot* let it alone—the fatal appetite has enchain them, and the very laws these voters make professedly for the protection of their brother men but serve to rivet the chains of this disgraceful appetite more closely.

It is not enough to prune off occasionally peculiarly offensive branches, to say that it shall spread only so far and no farther, that it shall be hedged about with certain laws and regulations, and thus kept within bounds. This cannot be; wrong never stands still. The license law is like an old pest-infected garment; we may wash it and patch it, but the pest is there, and it is soon found that the new pieces put on to make it appear respectable are utterly powerless; the corruption remains and affects all who come in contact with it; the only remedy is to entirely destroy it.

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The New York Marine Temperance Society.

In the summer of 1828 the Barque Pioneer, mentioned in the August number of THE OFFICIAL ORGAN, was at anchor in the river a few miles below Bremen, Germany; when, on a pleasant Sabbath afternoon, Captain Edward Richardson, then commanding a Salem ship, accepted an invitation from Captain Allen to accompany him on board the Pioneer and have supper. While we were sitting at the table it was stated that our ship was sailing under a temperance flag, and that no liquor was used or allowed on board. Captain Richardson appeared deeply interested in the subject, and from that hour until the day of his death, a period of forty-four years, he devoted himself to the cause of temperance, and in endeavoring to elevate the character and better the condition of seamen.

In February, 1833, The New York Marine Temperance Society was organized in The Mariner's Church, on Roosevelt street, with Edward Richardson, president, and the late Rev. Henry Chase, secretary. Captain Richardson continued president, and was elected for the fortieth year a few weeks previous to his death, in 1872, and signed over fifty thousand certificates of membership while presiding over the society.

At the present time there are over sixty-eight thousand names on the register, and the amount of good that the society and its members have done among seamen can hardly be estimated. Many seamen, after joining the temperance society, have become members of churches, and continued consistent Christians to the end of life, while others now living can testify of a Savior's love.

Of those who were present when the society was organized, Captain Minor R. Frisbie, president, and Charles F. Swain, vice-presi-

dent, are now the only survivors, and they have been actively connected with the society during the forty-nine and a half years of its labors.

The long continuance and great success of this society may justly be attributed to the religious element always found in it. It is believed that this Marine Society was the first to inaugurate Gospel temperance meetings, as every one held by it has been opened with prayer and closed with a benediction or the doxology.

The sunshine of hope and happiness has beamed brightly on many who would have suffered under the weight of a dark cloud, but for the sailing of The Pioneer under a temperance flag, which has led to many great events, and a young officer, then on board, has, in the providence of an over-ruled Power, been permitted to outlive all his shipmates, that he, among other duties, might comply with a request, and furnish this simple statement of facts.

This society has never had a treasury nor a treasurer, nor needed them, all its meetings having been held under the auspices and at the expense of the Port Society, and for more than twenty years in the church of that society, at the corner of Catherine and Madison streets.

There is an auxiliary society at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, in charge of a vice-president, and another at the Sailors' Snug Harbor, Staten Island, which is in charge of the Rev. Charles J. Jones, chaplain at the harbor, and a vice-president of the Marine Temperance Society. The society never ceases its labors, and persons wishing to unite with it can do so any day or evening during the year.

CHARLES F. SWAIN.

Brooklyn, August 18, 1882.

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Question Box.

(Continued from Page 91.)

Ques.—What can be done with a W. C. T. who refuses to entertain motions, put questions and constantly violates all laws and rules of parliamentary practice? **Ans.**—He should be tried by the lodge, on charges regularly preferred, and, on conviction, deprived of his office.

Ques.—By a by law of New York County Lodge, subordinate lodges in that county elect representatives to County Lodge annually, the County Lodge meeting monthly and delegates elected at the commencement of the year—in August—continuing to represent their respective lodges until the August following. Each lodge is entitled to five delegates. In August last the several subordinate lodges elected representatives for the year. At the late session of the Grand Lodge an amendment to Sec. 4 of Art. II of County Lodge constitution, was adopted providing that the representation to County Lodge could not exceed three for the lodge and one for every full twenty members in excess of forty. When must this amendment take effect in New York? **Ans.**—At the same time it takes effect elsewhere,—namely, at the first quarterly session of the respective county lodges held after the session of the Grand Lodge. Sec. 2 of Art. II of county lodge constitution, provides that "delegates shall at each session, present properly attested certificates of election." Section 1 of Art. V, provides that the lodge "shall hold four regular meetings in each year." I construe these two sections together as meaning that county lodges shall hold regular sessions quarterly and representatives shall be elected for each regular session. Hence the election of representatives by lodges in New York for a full year, is contrary to the county lodge constitution and such election is valid only for the sessions of county lodge held in August, September and October. As the next regular quarterly session of county lodge will occur in November, representatives must be elected for that session, and such election must conform to the amendment referred to.

General Correspondence

DEPARTMENT.

W. MARTIN JONES, - - - Editor.

This Department is intended for Lodge News, Letters, and all information, foreign and domestic, as to the progress of the cause of temperance and of the Order of Good Templars. All matter for publication herein should be addressed to the Editor of the department, at Rochester, N.Y. Correspondence must be brief, and should be in the hands of the editor by the 24th of the month to insure insertion in the following issue.

Lodge Correspondence.

CHAS. H. ENGLAND, of Mottville, writes: "We held our out door festival and meeting about two weeks ago and Rev. Wm. Searles of Auburn, delivered an address.

He made some very telling points in prison statistics showing the success of intemperance in filling our state prisons. The address as a whole has had a good effect upon our own members as well as outsiders.

Bro. S. L. Benedict is our present W. C. T. and we are looking and working for a prosperous time in temperance matters. I am very glad to be able to report to you that Triumph Lodge is in good working order and hope and trust may soon have reason to send you a still better report."

J. H. LEE writes: "I have the pleasure of reporting a festival held at Fishkill Plains, June 21, under the auspices of Lodge No. 359, for the purpose of raising money to aid in the erection of a new hall in our village. This will entitle us to free rent; and, as the frame of the new building is already up, we hope to be able to dedicate the hall next quarter. Our festival was a success, and was attended by members of sister lodges and County Deputy Seward Baker and wife. Our membership is small, but you know small insects are often as active as big bugs."

LOUIS FAUST, of Schenectady, writes: "Ancient City, 174, held a picnic at Rexford's Flats yesterday, which proved in every way a success. There were upwards of 300 Good Templars and friends on the ground. It showed the people in that vicinity that Schenectady county is alive on the temperance question. A band added to the enjoyment of the day. All credit is due Bro. Hoskins, our L.D."

HIRAM C. HORTON, of Victor, writes: "We opened this quarter by re-instating a member, initiating three candidates and having three propositions for membership presented."

G. D. HARTSON, of Union Square, says: "Our lodge is growing and we are trying to build solid so as to last, and do not want any honeycomb in our charter."

In Memoriam.

At a special meeting of Excelsior Lodge, No. 375, I. O. G. T., held at Schenectady, July 28, 1882, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, In the dispensation of an all wise Providence, we are this day called upon to mourn the sudden and unexpected death of our beloved brother, Henry G. Schumacher, therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Henry G.

Schumacher, one who in active work in behalf of the Order of Good Templars during two years last passed achieved a glorious and enviable reputation as a temperance advocate, this lodge has suffered an irreparable loss.

Resolved, That the sincere sympathy of this lodge be and hereby is extended to the bereaved relatives of our departed brother.

Resolved, That the charter and regalia of the lodge be draped in mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be entered in full upon the minutes of the lodge, and that a copy of the same be sent to the parents of the deceased and also one to THE OFFICIAL ORGAN for publication.

At a regular meeting of Excelsior Lodge, No. 375, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father, the wise Disposer of human events, has permitted Death again to enter our circle, sever a golden link, and leave a vacant chair, in removing from us our young and beloved sister, Estella Clow, just as she was entering on a promising career of usefulness in the order; and feeling this no ordinary chastisement since it is the third one in as many weeks; therefore

Resolved, That, as a lodge of Good Templars, we most humbly submit to the will of God and acknowledge His right to do what seemeth to Him good, however dark the dispensation, however uninviting the way, and cry,

O who could bear life's stormy doom,
Did not the wing of love
Come brightly wafting through the gloom,
Our peace branch from above?

Resolved, That she was an intelligent, earnest and enthusiastic worker in the cause; and that a wide field of usefulness, white unto the harvest, seemed awaiting her, into which she was anxious to enter as a reaper.

Resolved, That to her parents and relatives, we tender the sympathies of our torn and aching hearts, and recommend them to Him who is the resurrection and the life.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in the minutes and that they be published in THE OFFICIAL ORGAN, and that a copy be sent to the family.

Resolved, That the lodge room and regalia be draped in mourning thirty days.

At a meeting of Garfield Lodge, No. 936, held at their hall, Tuesday evening, Aug. 1, 1882, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father, in his wisdom, to remove from our midst our loved sister, Annie Gow, therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of our sister the lodge has lost an earnest worker and the cause of temperance a firm friend and supporter.

Resolved, That as a mark of respect due our late sister, our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days, and that we tender to the bereaved family our sympathy in this their affliction.

Resolved, That we as a lodge attend the funeral in a body, that these resolutions be entered upon our records, a copy to be transmitted to the family of the deceased, and the same be published in the Troy daily papers.

At a regular meeting of East Palermo Lodge, No. 360, I. O. G. T., held Aug. 5, 1882, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased an all wise Providence to remove from our midst our beloved

and worthy brother, Frank E. Tudo, we his fellow members, desirous of paying appropriate tribute to his memory, to his valuable services as a member of this lodge, and to his personal worth as a citizen, do unanimously adopt the following:

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the mandates of God who doeth all things well, yet we feel that our lodge has lost an able and faithful advocate of its principles, has lost the support of an earnest worker, one whose deep interest in the cause and whose firm temperance principles gave promise of great usefulness.

Resolved, That we extend our heart-felt sympathy to the relatives of our deceased brother in their bereavement.

Resolved, That the charter and regalia of this lodge be draped in mourning for thirty days as a tribute to his memory.

At a regular meeting of Fulton Lodge No. 424, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

We, the officers and members of Fulton Lodge No. 424, offer the following as a tribute of respect to our departed sister.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father in his wisdom, has seen fit to remove our sister Kitie Buck, from our Lodge to that Temple not made with hands, therefore,

Resolved, That we recognize in her death the call of that voice she loved and which we must all obey. Regretting the early death of one who was willing to aid us in our temperance work, and who would evidently have had an influence for good among those who loved her so dearly.

Resolved, That while we miss her pleasant face and earnest sympathy, we will ever cherish her memory and strive to imitate her virtues.

Resolved, That as an outward expression of our sorrow we will drape our lodge room, charter, and badges, with emblems of mourning for 30 days, and that these resolutions be published in the village papers and THE OFFICIAL ORGAN, a copy presented to the friends of the deceased, and that they be recorded on the minutes of our Lodge.

MRS. I. DARROW,
MRS. R. B. McCULLY, } COM.
MRS. A. EMERICK,

At a meeting of Lake View Lodge No. 659, held September 2, 1882, the following were unanimously adopted by the Lodge.

WHEREAS, God in His mysterious Providence, has removed by death, our beloved sister Miss Mary Benschoten, from among us, therefore, be it

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the dictates of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, and acknowledge His prerogative to do as He will, we sadly and sorrowfully mourn her loss as a valuable member, a worthy and efficient officer, and one well beloved by all her associates.

Resolved, That to her bereaved parents and relatives, we tender our deepest sympathies.

Resolved, That the charter and the regalia be draped in mourning for the present quarter.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the parents of the deceased sister, also a copy sent to THE OFFICIAL ORGAN for publication.

In Edinburgh, the most beautiful city of Great Britain, noted for education and refinement, a new and elegant hand barrow has just been introduced for the convenience of policemen in carrying drunkards to the police stations.

Grand Worthy Chief Templar's

DEPARTMENT.

W. MARTIN JONES, - - - Editor.

GREETING.

DIRECTLY after the close of the Grand Lodge I prepared a circular to the membership in the state. This circular has been mailed to every Lodge Deputy in this jurisdiction, and before this issue of THE OFFICIAL ORGAN will have reached its readers, the contents of the circular will have been read to nearly every lodge in the state. There are hundreds of our readers, however, who, by reason of temporary absence from home, or for other valid excuse, will not have heard the reading of the circular. On this account, and for the reason that the circular is intended as a greeting to the entire membership in the state, I reproduce it here, and ask its perusal by all who are interested in our grand work. Let us enter upon the duties of the year, fully prepared for all its possibilities, and resolved to neglect nothing that can contribute to our ultimate success.

ROCHESTER, Aug. 31, 1882.

To THE MEMBERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

On the opening of a new Grand Lodge year, I take occasion to congratulate you upon the present gratifying outlook for our cause in the State of New York. Rarely has the Order witnessed so harmonious, so satisfactory and withal so profitable a session of the Grand Lodge of the state as closed its sittings in the beautiful village of Ithaca, one week ago to-day. When I state that on no question that came before that grand body was there a call for the ayes and nays, and that the legislation of the session was substantially unanimous, you will, in a measure, appreciate the harmony that prevailed in the deliberations of the representatives of the Order, and the cordial good feeling that manifested itself on their departure for their several fields of labor in the state. This harmony of sentiment and evident good feeling are undoubtedly attributable to the gratifying results of the year just ended, and the cheering outlook of the future. With a large increase in membership and in number of working lodges in the state, and a clean financial record, we begin the new year with high hopes for the future. That there shall be no disappointments, and that every member of the Order in the great state of New York may have full opportunity to participate in the good work of the year, I send you this greeting, and invite you, one and all, to join enthusiastically in this movement—to fall into line AT ONCE, and be of those who are now MARCHING ON TO CERTAIN VICTORY.

It is not my purpose in this circular to review the action of the late session of the Grand Lodge. A very complete report will be given in the September number of THE OFFICIAL ORGAN, and I ask your perusal of it. In this connection, however, I desire to call your attention especially to the official paper of the Order. The unprecedented success of THE OFFICIAL ORGAN during the ten months of its publication has led to its cordial endorsement by the Grand Lodge, and it will be continued as heretofore. No pains will be spared to make it everything that can be desired for an official paper. A copy will be sent to the Deputy of every lodge,

and he is expected to see that it is at the lodge room on the first evening after its receipt, and is left there for future consultation. It should also be read from time to time in lodge session, by the Lodge Deputy or some other member of the lodge. Please remember that this paper is the means of official communication of the officers of the Grand Lodge with the membership in the state, and will contain all important decisions and correspondence pertaining to our work. Every member of our Order in the state should read it. The club rates are exceedingly low. I feel that all interested in our work should support it. The more our membership read and ponder on the grand work of our Order the more fully and thoroughly will they appreciate their mission in it and realize the responsibilities resting upon them. I ask each lodge to see that the Lodge Deputy, Secretary, or some other energetic member shall act as agent for the paper and at once secure a club of subscribers for it. I urge special activity in this department. Secure the paper for twenty cents a year if possible, and remember that a few subscriptions from citizens out of the lodge will be no damage to the lodge itself.

I invite your especial attention to the approaching Missionary Week and the proposed dime collection for the literature fund of the R. W. Grand Lodge. Please read the circular of the committee on the first page of the August number of THE OFFICIAL ORGAN, and the proceedings of the Grand Lodge in reference thereto. I enclose an addressed envelope and printed letter for return to the G. W. S. with the result of the collection.

Please be prompt to act in this matter on your first meeting in October; and remember, as, with cheerful hearts, you contribute your dimes to this work, that there are thousands of rum cursed victims whose opportunities and advantages have not been like those you and I have enjoyed, and that you are only contributing a very small part of what you have been enabled to wrest from the grasp of the rum fiend through your own more favoring circumstances.

One word more. The harvest time is fully upon us; I beg that you will be well prepared to gather in the full contingent that you are entitled to from your labors of the past and the efforts you shall put forth in the future. I address myself to *every individual member of your lodge*—old and young, male and female. There is a work that you can do that no other can accomplish. Will you not undertake it? If I were able to assure you that, with *honest, earnest* effort on the part of each one of the more than 25,000 members of our Order in this state during the year now beginning, that membership could be increased to more than double its present numbers, you *would* be honest and earnest, I am sure. *Listen then while I say that I bear to you to-day that assurance.* I appeal to your own knowledge of the work in which you are engaged. Is it not more than possible that every member of the Order in the state, by the putting forth of that effort, can add at least one member to our ranks within the year? I know your answer is in the affirmative, and I come to you now as we stand together on the threshold of the new year, and, looking out upon the great harvest fields of the Empire State, I ask you, aye, with all the earnestness of my nature, and in the name of Him who watches over our every footprint, and has so gently removed from our own pathways so many obstructions, and in behalf of the suffering all over this great state, I *plead with you* to rise above the selfish purposes of the world around you, and, coming into full sympathy with this great work, be faithful, be earnest, be honest, be diligent in your several fields of labor; and early in the future we will share together the glory and honor of a lasting triumph.

Constitutional Amendment.

THE Committee of Fifteen held a session at the city of Syracuse on the 5th day of September instant. The subject of future action was earnestly discussed, and after a full canvas of the matter it was determined to call a state convention. A call will be issued by the proper sub-committee at once, and the convention thoroughly advertised. It will be held at Syracuse on the 4th day of October next, commencing at ten o'clock in the forenoon. Every temperance society, church, and other organization interested in the effort to rid the state of New York of the now legalized rum traffic in it, is requested to send three delegates to the convention. Let there be a full attendance, and a harmonious, united movement looking to the one reform desired—the amendment of the constitution of the state, forever prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage within the borders of this commonwealth.

Unavoidable Delay.

THE readers of THE OFFICIAL ORGAN will appreciate the circumstances under which the present number is issued. The Grand Lodge closed its session on the 24th day of August. Then came a vast amount of work in both the office of the G. W. S. and my own:—the preparation of Deputy blanks, the issuing of official circulars, the preparation of the Journal of Proceedings, the filling up and mailing of Deputies, commissions and a thousand and one other duties to attend to all at once. Add to these a never abating correspondence and the getting out of THE OFFICIAL ORGAN and our patrons will understand what we mean—the G. W. S. and the writer—when we say “up to our necks in work!” Have a little patience, please, and we will come out more than even by and by.

Sixteen Pages.

We only need to point to the contents of our columns for a valid reason for the issue of a sixteen page edition this month. The interesting report of Brother Wheeler, commencing on page 85, and many other articles that could not be put over to another issue, demanded more space, and we give it.

The Complete Books.

LODGES wanting the complete books for Secretaries, Financial Secretaries and Treasurers, will do well to order them at once. It is apparent that they cannot be afforded at the low prices at which they are now being sold, and the Board of Managers will be very likely to increase those prices at their next regular session. The first supply made, now nearly exhausted, was at a loss to the printers and binders, and the next supply will be more expensive.

The Record.

ANOTHER three months has come and gone, and a turn in the kaleidoscope of our order in the state gives us another beautiful view. Read the following and note the changes and the improvement. Of the lodges that reported to the G. W. S. during the month of August these are the 100 largest and their membership. Please compare this list with those published three and six months ago. Nos. 174, 953 and 863 retain their places, but there are many other changes. Before me as I write is another list—subscribers of THE OFFICIAL ORGAN. It is quite remarkable how well they tally! Will some one explain?

No.	Location.	County.	No. of Members.
174	Schenectady	Schenectady	312
953	Coeyman's Hollow	Albany	187
863	Plainville	Onondaga	184
286	Hancock	Delaware	159
16	New York	New York	158
32	Quaker Street	Schenectady	155
375	Schenectady	"	144
284	West Barre	Orleans	139
80	Poughkeepsie	Dutchess	136
338	Knowsville	Albany	135
456	Sherwood	Cayuga	134
171	Groton	Tompkins	129
836	Barre Center	Orleans	127
396	Middleport	Niagara	126
295	Ithaca	Tompkins	124
415	Royalton	Niagara	124
409	Cleveland	Oswego	123
123	Medusa	Albany	120
111	Union Springs	Cayuga	120
40	South New Berlin	Chenango	118
311	Rochester	Monroe	118
254	Slaterville	Tompkins	117
984	Gaines	Orleans	117
274	Bellone	Yates	117
520	Benton Center	"	116
66	Lockport	Niagara	115
920	Memphis	Onondaga	115
45	Cutchogue	Suffolk	114
176	Brant	Erie	113
777	Reservation	Onondaga	113
781	Binghamton	Broome	112
522	Hermitage	Wyoming	111
247	Cannonsville	Delaware	111
784	East Carlton	Orleans	111
242	Auburn	Cayuga	110
240	New York Mills	Oneida	109
234	Slaterville	Tompkins	108
840	Gaines	Orleans	107
239	Binghamton	Broome	105
424	Fulton	Oswego	105
57	Rochester	Monroe	104
515	West Hurley	Ulster	104
423	Dover Plains	Dutchess	103
411	Saranac	Clinton	102
177	Ithaca	Tompkins	102
748	Delhi	Delaware	102
260	Victor	Ontario	102
468	Summer Hill	Cayuga	101
790	East Shelby	Orleans	99
323	Southold	Suffolk	98
12	Syracuse	Onondaga	97
527	Wilson	Niagara	96
35	Lockport	"	95
138	West Fulton	Schoharie	95
811	Pine Valley	Cheimung	95
694	Mottville	Onondaga	94
275	Penn Yan	Yates	93
912	Baldwinsville	Onondaga	93
147	Warsaw	Wyoming	92
968	Skaneateles	Onondaga	91
377	Elba	Genesee	89
119	Cortland	Cortland	89
222	Nayarino	Onondaga	88
744	Brooklyn	Kings	88
98	Burtonville	Montgomery	87
438	Buffalo	Erie	87
741	Bernhard's Bay	Oswego	86
358	Lakeville	Livingston	86
482	Syracuse	Onondaga	86
407	Schenectady	Schenectady	86
812	Utica	Oneida	86
68	Port Jervis	Orange	85

820	Paris	Oneida	85
593	West Walworth	Wayne	85
64	Middletown	Orange	84
590	Cohoes	Albany	84
858	Victor	Ontario	83
442	Madalin	Dutchess	83
107	Johnsonburgh	Wyoming	82
405	Redfield	Oswego	81
327	Kings Ferry	Cayuga	81
801	Walton	Delaware	81
5	Clayville	Oneida	80
316	Brooklyn	Kings	80
450	Spencerport	Monroe	80
353	Speedsville	Tompkins	79
426	Panama	Chautauqua	78
129	Rifton	Ulster	78
25	Esperance	Schoharie	78
351	Marlborough	Ulster	77
356	Hicks	Chemung	77
829	Middletown	Orange	77
771	Clarendon	Orleans	77
538	Kendall	Orleans	76
60	Warners	Onondaga	75
265	Guilderland	Albany	75
738	Hansonville	Greene	74
192	Olcott	Niagara	74
439	Enfield Center	Tompkins	73
18	Brooklyn	Kings	72
Total.....			10,408

An average of 104, an increase of just 5 members to a lodge in three months, and 12 members in six months. Who shall say the Order is not advancing grandly in the state of New York? Let us see what another three months may bring forth. Now then, all hands together!

County Deputies.

THAT we may be able to take our bearings early in the year—know just where we are and what we are about—I give below a complete list of County Deputies in the state at this date. I need only say to them that the eyes of their respective constituencies are upon them, and it is a good time now to begin to make the record.

County.	Deputy.	Address.
Albany	Geo. H. Niver	Albany
Broome	Albert Andrews	Binghamton
Cattaraugus	R. J. McKee	W. Salamanca
Cayuga	G. H. Wheeler	Auburn
Chautauqua	D. E. Batcheller	Stockton
Chemung	E. W. Howell	Wellsburg
Chenango	Seymour Isbell	So. N'w Berlin
Clinton	J. S. Seely	Rogersfield
Columbia	F. J. Park	Chatham Vill
Cortland	A. E. Seymour	McGrawville
Delaware	W. R. Whitney	Delhi
Dutchess	C. H. Dayton	Red Hook
Erie	Rev. P. S. McKillip	Angola
Genesee	Levi Wyman	Pembroke
Greene	P. O. Hitchcock	Hansonville
Jefferson	Ira O. Banks	Perch River
Kings	Prof. G. W. Foster	Brooklyn
Livingston	Rev. O. W. Powers	Lakeville
Madison	Myron B. Nichols	Cazenovia
Monroe	J. H. Breeze	Parma
New York	Jos. A. Bogardus	New York
Niagara	Thos. R. Bailey	Lockport
Oneida	I. P. Beilby	Utica
Onondaga	Geo. E. Briggs	Marietta
Ontario	Oscar Longyear	Victor
Orange	Thos. G. Coyne	Port Jervis
Orleans	Eugene Simkins	Gaines
Oswego	John F. Landgraff	Cleveland
Otsego	M. W. Russell	Cooperstown
Queens	Jos. S. Bryan	Springfield
Rensselaer	Chas. N. Wells	Castleton
Saratoga	John H. Barton	Saratoga
St. Lawrence	J. E. Fell, Jr.	Ogdensburg
Schenectady	J. Chas. Sauter	Schenectady
Schoharie	Rev. L. A. Bigelow	Esperance
Seneca	Edw. A. Whiting	Ovid
Steuben	U. Atwood	Troupsburg

Schuyler	John Stevens	Beaver Dams
Suffolk	Geo. H. Terry	Peconic
Sullivan	Rev. O. D. Ramsay	Pike Pond
Tioga	Frank Scott	Richford
Tompkins	Geo. W. Benjamin	Ithaca
Ulster	Rev. D. C. Niven	Marlboro
Wayne	A. W. Russell	Marion
Westchester	Wm. H. Van Cott	25 Chambers St., N. Y.
Yates	F. S. Cooper	Java Village
	G. R. Hammond	Eddytown

Parker's History.

REV. T. F. PARKER writes us that he is anxious to have the G. W. S. sell at least 200 copies of his history during the month of September. \$200 sent to the G. W. S. by 200 members will just do the business. Who sends the first dollar?

Now is the time to subscribe for THE OFFICIAL ORGAN—the commencement of a G. L. year. Let every lodge in the state have at least one club of twenty or more. After October we will commence the publication of the names of all lodges taking clubs. Let no lodge be wanting in that list.

Question Box.

Ques.—A committee of investigation report charges sustained, and recommend expulsion of the accused. How must the lodge proceed in acting upon the report of the committee? Ans.—The report should be laid upon the table for one week, and taken up under the head of unfinished business at the next session—the accused having been summoned to appear. The lodge will then proceed to vote separately by ballot upon the two propositions of the committee. 1st. The guilt of the accused; 2d. The punishment. If found guilty by a two-third ballot, then the question of punishment must also be determined by a two-third ballot. If the lodge vote to expel, the W. C. T. should at once direct the W. F. S. to erase the name of the accused from the roll of membership.

Ques.—Can the L. D. of a lodge which is connected with a Degree Temple, confer degrees independent of the Degree Temple? Ans.—No.

Ques.—Have third degree members of a lodge, who are not members of the Degree Temple, the right to sit in Degree Temples? Ans.—Yes—by courtesy of the Temple, not otherwise.

Ques.—Is it competent for two members of a committee of investigation to proceed in the absence of the third member? Ans.—Yes, by consent of the accused; not otherwise.

Ques.—In case of a vacancy in a committee of investigation, can the remaining members of the committee fill the vacancy? Ans.—No. The vacancy must be filled by the W. C. T.

Ques.—Should the W. C. T. refuse to give the P. W. to a member who has paid his dues for the quarter, but who is still owing the lodge for a fine previously imposed? Ans.—Yes.

Ques.—What proportion of lodge treasurers give bonds on being installed? Ans.—I know of *no case* where the treasurer has been installed into office without having previously given the required bond. Lodge Deputies must, in all cases, before proceeding with the installation ceremonies, see that "the required bonds have been given and approved."

Ques.—Should the L. D. be satisfied that the newly installed W. C. T. is clear on the books of the F. S. before communicating the P. W. to him? Ans.—Yes—and the W. C. T. should see that the L. D. is clear on the books of the F. S. before he permits him to make use of the new quarterly P. W.

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Secret Societies.

THE following communication and editorial comments we find in *The Golden Era*, a lively little paper published at Mechanicsville, in Saratoga county. They are worth the perusal of Good Templars, and we take pleasure in transferring them to the columns of THE OFFICIAL ORGAN.

MR. EDITOR:—You are a member of the I. O. of G. T.; so am I, and I write to you and the Good Templar readers of the *Era* for advice. What I want to know is this: how can we overcome the prejudice of temperance people against secret societies? Since connecting myself with the order I have invited several of my friends to unite with us, but almost everywhere I meet with the same excuse:—a horror of secret societies.

“What is the object of the organization?” asked a lady of the writer.

“To promote the interests of temperance,” I answered. “That is well enough; but don’t you think that you could labor with more success if you allowed the public to know what you are doing? If there is nothing bad about the society, why is it kept secret?”

I deduced reasons which were satisfactory to me, but not to her. Another says: “I never heard of any good that these secret associations have accomplished, never.” I told her that it was not the object of the order to make a great display to the world.

Again, there are certain persons who go about the country giving “Bible readings,” and who think themselves types of virtue and goodness, who advise young people “to join no secret societies for they are not conducted in the spirit of Christ.” If we should ask those people how they know that, they would have to admit that their knowledge of the subject was merely derived from hearsay—a wholly unreliable source. And now, Mr. Editor, how can we, who know the true inwardness of our noble order and who are anxious to see the grand consummation for which we are banded together, best meet these objections and prove their fallacy? We know that, if many who now shrink from the idea of connecting themselves with secret societies, could be induced to join our lodges and learn something of them, that they would make true, earnest and faithful members. But how can we reach them?

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ANSWER BY THE EDITOR.—Our correspondent asks advice as to the best method of meeting objections held by some temperance people regarding the secrets connected with the Independent Order of Good Templars. Every temperance worker will occasionally meet with such persons, many of whom take pride in such prejudice, and labor

to convince them to the contrary is time wasted.

There are people who would not be happy only in a certain way—they would not be converted only in a particular church, and under the preaching of a favorite minister, and even then it must be on a Sunday evening when a goodly number is present. They would not save the world from the curse of intemperance except in their own way, for their prejudice is dearer to them than the salvation of their fellow men. What! disarm such persons of their prejudice? You could not if you had the wisdom of the gods.

But when these precious saints tell you they are too good and conscientious to enter our secret order you can truthfully tell them that it is not a secret order, only *private*—just a name written in mystic characters on the hand and engraved upon the forehead as a passport to the seat of the faithful. Does not the fact that the object and purpose of the order are known to all the world make it a public institution? Is it not enough that our movements all point in the direction of temperance—that the battle-cry of the hundreds of thousands of our members throughout the world is temperance?

But if they should have it that we are secret societies because we protect our lodges by a pass word, then we answer that well regulated families are miniature secret societies. Every officer of an army has secret despatches, and woe unto him who takes them to the enemy. But farther than this the Psalmist says, “The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him.” And the matter of secrecy is carried so far that the Great Father retains them in His own bosom, and has not revealed them to His saints; no, not even to the angels in heaven, and yet these people are willing to partake of His daily mercy and goodness.

But what good do they do? Ask the sun what benefit his light gives us, or the need of falling showers. Then ask the hundreds annually saved from the death-dealing cup and clothed in their right mind, and the families restored to peace, plenty and respectability. Is not such testimony sufficient?

Schoharie County.

HERE we have a Roll of Honor with but one name upon it. Every lodge in Schoharie county was promptly on hand with a recommendation for L. D. at the commencement of the year. Not a single delinquent. No other county can gain a place on this list the present G. L. year. There are over a hundred delinquents in the state, and the recommendations come straggling in by every mail—like tired soldiers after a long march. Brace up, my brothers; there’s work ahead; we must be prepared to do it now!

Things to Remember.

1st. That a member can in no case be permitted to sit in lodge unless he is square upon the books.

2d. That degrees and honors once acquired are never lost so long as a member remains in good standing, but that a violation of Art. II of the Constitution, or any break in membership, even a suspension for non-payment of dues, works a forfeiture of all degrees and honors.

3d. That a Clearance Card is good until revoked by the lodge granting it, or, in certain cases, by the Grand Lodge, and that an Ancient Templar’s Card is good until used.

4th. That one holding a Clearance Card has no right to sit in lodge, even though he may have the password, but is subject to the discipline of the lodge granting the card, or by the Grand Lodge, until he unites with another lodge.

5th. That the initiation fee must in no case be less than fifty cents, and the quarterly dues in no case less than fifteen cents.

6th. That a member cannot be suspended for non-payment of dues until fully three months in arrears, nor expelled until twelve months in arrears, and then only after having been given two weeks’ notice in writing.

7th. That all votes in cases of discipline must be by ballot, and that a two-thirds vote is necessary to find a member guilty or impose a penalty, and that a two-thirds vote means two-thirds of the votes cast.

8th. That a penalty must in all cases be imposed for a violation of obligation. That re-obligation is not a penalty, but may be so considered in case of violation of Art. II by a vote of the lodge.

9th. That a member may be punished, even to extent of expulsion, for contempt in open lodge, without any reference to a committee, providing that proceedings are commenced at the same meeting at which the contempt was committed.

10th. That no member can be compelled to give his reason for voting a black-ball, but if it can be proved that he does so maliciously, or with intent to injure the lodge, he may be punished therefor.

11th. That when a charge is preferred it is to be read in open lodge, only omitting the name of the accuser.

12th. That a member of one lodge cannot prefer charges against a member of another lodge.

13th. That a member of one lodge cannot visit another lodge as a right, only by courtesy.

14th. That a member cannot be compelled to pay dues during suspension.

15th. That an appeal upon a question of law may be taken from the decision of a W. C. T. to the lodge, and from the lodge to the G. W. C. T. etc., but not from a W. C. T. to the G. W. C. T.

16th. That the decision of a lodge upon a question of order is final.

17th. That the W. C. T. of one lodge can communicate the pass word to a member of another only when satisfied that he is entitled to receive it, and *upon the request* of the W. C. T. of the other lodge.

18th. That an officer against whom charges are preferred has the right to exercise all the functions of his office until the time of final action.

19th. That a W. C. T. has the right to vote upon all ballottings, but in no other case unless the result is a tie.

20th. That all G. L. dues, and money remittances, and questions in any way pertaining thereto, go to the G. W. S. at Syracuse, and all other questions and appeals to the G. W. C. T. at Rochester.

Grand Worthy Secretary's

DEPARTMENT.

D. W. HOOKER, - - - Editor.

SEPTEMBER.

GRAND Lodge over.

A SPLENDID Session.

Not one step backward.

OVER 250 votes on the roll-call.

Good Templary assuming its proper proportions.

THE Order steadily advancing in talent, in character and in numbers.

GREAT unanimity of action, and all looking to ultimate prohibition.

Give the juvenile work a lift. There is nothing like having good foundations.

Now for new lodges! No such time to institute as during these fall months.

Our net gain last year was 1615 members. Why not double that this year?

REMEMBER that each man gained for the Order is one more vote against whiskey.

Now for work in subordinate lodge! Initiate, interest, educate, forward each one.

The Lodge should so set forth the principles of the Order, that no man need read our ballot to know our vote.

A NOTABLE element of the Grand Lodge at Ithaca was the thorough Christian sentiment of its membership.

CONSTITUTIONAL Amendment Convention at Syracuse, October 4, 1882. This is our line of work. Be well represented.

THE "Wisconsin Plan" is only proving anew that the successful lodge is the one which elevates and makes much of the "Good of the Order."

COUNTY Lodges should always make room on their programme for a prayer and praise meeting—short, active, earnest; it gives tone to the whole session.

THE competitive bids for printing indicate an increase in the retail price of our "Complete Books." Some lodges have not yet supplied themselves. We think it well for them to do so before Board meeting.

THERE comes a time in all lodges when "Heel" and "Head" contend for mastery. But if brain and heart

are in the ascendancy, no one need fear the result. If not, roll up the Charter, for you have little more need of it.

THE R. W. G. L., by a by-law, has made permanent the Literary Collection for Mission Work. It is now the duty as well as privilege of each subordinate lodge to take such collection the "first week in October," and it is asked that the amount shall aggregate at least "one dime" for each member of the lodge. Said collection to be at once remitted to the G. W. S.

No one thing at Ithaca received more unbounded admiration than the elegant silk banner presented to the Grand Lodge by our Grand Worthy Chief Templar, the care and custody of which is to be awarded each year to that lodge which shall show "the largest average membership for the three quarters ending January 31st, April 30th, and July 31st. Ancient City, No. 174, of Schenectady, proudly and worthily bore home the prize, on an average membership of 273.

THE financial exhibit of THE OFFICIAL ORGAN for the past year was a glad surprise to the many friends of the Order in this and other states. \$69.25 is a very small sum to pay from the G. L. treasury for so good a paper. This year we propose still better things, calling upon our membership everywhere to welcome THE OFFICIAL ORGAN each month to their home circle. We promise as a result a nice bonus for mission work. Now don't let it be said that your lodge is a laggard in this matter, or that your home is an exception to the rule. "By their works ye shall know them."

THE results in Kansas and Iowa have given tremendous impetus to temperance work. Weak knees are strengthened, backbones are stiffened, and politicians even are asking if, after all, "whiskey straight" isn't an unsafe drink. Lodges must keep their eyes open to all this. We claim to be in the van of the temperance army, and, with pickets out, must be ready for each weakening point of the enemy. Books, papers, tracts, can now be used with better effect than ever before, and intelligent discussion in our lodge rooms will prepare us for active duty outside. Constitutional prohibition is radical, and Good Templary is radical work.

BRASS is strong—music has power. Combine the two in a brass band; give it the inspiration of Good Templary, and you have an element which will stir the people, and fill a house for a public meeting, ahead of anything the country can produce.

Onondaga, Yates, Delaware, and now Niagara County, have each a Good Templar Band, and the first named is blest with two. Few of these musicians could make an A No. 1 speech, but they can make good music, and each strain emphasizes and sends home the truth spoken by others wondrously. Drive truth home with a bludgeon, and it has little effect. Open the receptive power, so that the mind is pleased as well as convinced, and you have the man. *Encourage the bands.* Blow on, boys, and blow well; you may not see the application now, but when the grand results are summed up, you will find that the unwritten words of your music have been the vehicle of truth to the saving of many a one from drunkenness.

Board Meeting.

ITHACA, N. Y., Aug. 24, 1882.

BOARD met on call of the G. W. C. T. at the Ithaca Hotel after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge. Present: W. Martin Jones, G. W. C. T., chairman; D. W. Hooker, G. W. S., secretary; R. M. Tinkham, J. L. Mitchell, Mrs. A. E. Curtis, Finance Committee.

Motion was made and adopted that as heretofore all meetings of the Board be opened by prayer. Also that, as all the bids for printing were not in, when received, the G. W. C. T. and G. W. S. be authorized to open the same and decide thereon.

Also that the lecture system of last year be continued in force with the same powers accorded to the G. W. C. T. as he has heretofore exercised.

Also that the G. W. C. T. and G. W. S. be authorized to employ such clerical help in the performance of the duties of their several offices as the good of the Order demands.

The Board was most harmonious in its action, with but one desire manifested, and that, to push the work of the Order this Grand Lodge year to the utmost.

D. W. HOOKER, G. W. S.

New Lodges.

- No. 518—Wallkill, Ulster county, by David Gillespie, S. D.
- No. 533—Brooklyn, Kings county, by John Seaburg, S. D.
- No. 534—Fleming, Cayuga county, by Rev. W. C. Hendrickson, S. D.
- No. 941—Albany, Albany county, by G. H. Niver, G. D. D.
- No. 536—Fairport, Monroe county, by Rev. J. W. Lawton, S. D.
- No. 539—Brooklyn, Kings county, by A. G. McDonald, S. D.
- No. 540—Port Chester, Westchester county, by W. H. Van Cott, C. D.
- No. 19—Brooklyn, Kings county, by J. L. Mitchell, S. D.
- No. 542—Texas Valley, Cortland county, by Mrs. Alice A. Draper, G. L. L.

SUBSCRIBE for THE OFFICIAL ORGAN. No better time than the commencement of the G. L. year.

Juvenile Templary

DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. GEO. H. NIVER, - - - Editor.

To whom all communications for this department should be addressed, at 22 Dallins St., Albany, N. Y.

Duty.

GRAND LODGE has come and gone, and I have no doubt that our readers are anxious to learn of the work performed during the past year.

Success has crowned our efforts, and our juvenile order is in a more healthy and prosperous condition than ever before. Judging from the general interest manifested and the many promises given, we start off under circumstances more promising than for any previous year. There has been a general awakening among the members of our Order in this state during the past year in favor of the children's work, and I am confident that the tide is still rising. The future never looked brighter, the time never more auspicious, or the way so clear and bright to bring about great results, than now.

My brothers, my sisters, you and I have a duty to perform, which devolves upon us, as professing temperance men and women. If we would grasp the immense possibilities that are ahead of us, we must be up and at our work at once.

Our Grand Lodge has taken an advance step, and donated \$50 to the Chief Superintendent for missionary work in other parts of the world. It has performed a duty! Allow me to pass down along the line and ask our county lodges to perform their duty, and our subordinate lodges to do *theirs*. Also let me appeal to every member to do his duty as well.

I enter upon the performance of my own duty, trusting in your help and the help of God to bring promised increase and success. Will you, as lodges and individuals, do your part? Without your aid I shall fail, and the work for the year now beginning will be fruitless; but with it we shall gain a grand victory. Will you pledge me your aid? It is a *duty* devolving upon every member of our Order to help on the children's work. You have heard it often said in lodge session, "as well as to save the young, pure and virtuous, from ever falling in the snares of the tempter," now if you go all the year without doing something to save "the young, pure and virtuous," then I charge you with having neglected your duty as a member of our Order. Resolve now, as we enter upon our work together, that you will aid us in this field, and then do not neglect to do it. Do not delay until time shall steal away all the opportunities you may have to help this cause, but begin now and give your assistance and co-operation to one of the noblest causes

in the land, that of educating the children to a higher life in this busy, bustling world of ours.

MRS. C. E. Gilbert, Chief Superintendent of J. T., was present during the entire session of the Grand Lodge. We were all pleased with her visit, and wish her a safe return home.

I EXTRACT from the report of this department to the G. L. an item that will be of interest to our members who were not privileged to be present.

No. of Temples Aug. 1, 1881.....	55
" " " Instituted.....	34
" " " Surrendered Charter	12
" " " Aug. 1, 1882	77
Net gain over last year	22

No. of Members Aug. 1, 1881..... 3045
 " " " Admitted 2399
 " " " Retired 1771
 " " " Aug. 1, 1882 3673 |

Net gain in Membership.. 628

County Lodges Take Notice.

EVERY county lodge which has not recommended a Superintendent *please* do so at your next session. Send me the name of some live, active, energetic member, who will constantly press the claims of the youth in our subordinate lodges.

New Temples.

Midnight Sun, No. 33, at Brooklyn, Kings county, by Mrs. William Jordan, County Superintendent, with 20 charter members.

Olivet, Fo. 35, at Utica, Oneida county, by Mrs. A. E. Curtis, County Superintendent, with 30 charter members.

ANCIENT CITY LODGE not only carried off the Prize Banner at Grand Lodge but also has the Prize Gavel awarded to the temple in connection with it (*Golden Star*, No. 48), having initiated 42 during the last quarter.

Question Box.

[Continued from Page 91.]

Ques.—Should the L. D. communicate the travelling P. W. to a newly installed W. C. T? Ans.—Yes.

Ques.—In case an L. D. violates his obligation, does he forfeit his position as L. D? Ans.—Yes, *most emphatically*. If he is re-obligated in subordinate lodge and in the degrees, he may be recommended for a new commission, but he cannot act under the old commission. As far as possible lodges should aim to recommend for L. D's. only those persons who are so well founded in the work of our order as to be wholly removed from the *thought* of a violation of their obligation.

Ques.—Is it a violation of a Good Templar's obligation to vote, as a member of an Excise Board, to grant a license to sell beer for one day at a picnic? Ans.—Yes. And the Good Templar who would be guilty of such an act has yet to learn the first principles of our order.

Ques.—What penalty should be imposed in such case? Ans.—A much heavier one than a lodge of Good Templars has any power to inflict. Try him in the stocks for an hour or two.

Ques.—Can a member, against whom charges are pending, prefer charges against another member? Ans.—Yes.

Ques.—Can a member who has been and is still suspended for non-payment of dues, prefer charges against another member? Ans.—No.

County Lodge Department.

D. W. HOOKER, - - - Editor.

This Department is intended for County Lodge News and proceedings of County Lodges and Conventions. All matter for publication herein should be addressed to the Editor of the Department, at Syracuse, N.Y. Communications and reports should be brief, and should be in the hands of the editor by the 24th of the month to insure insertion in the following issue. Reports from all County Lodges are desired, and in order that they may be inserted, such reports must be condensed, if possible, to one page of commercial note.

County Lodge Calendar.

September.

5th and 6th. Onondaga at Navarino, commencing at 2 P. M., on the 5th.

12th and 13th. Wayne, at Ontario, commencing at 10 A. M., on the 12th.

12th and 13th. Erie, at Eden Center, commencing with public meeting on the evening of the 11th.

14th. Schenectady, at Glenville Centre.

15th. Kings, at 16 Smith street, Brooklyn. Evening.

19th. Monroe, at Spencerport.

22d. Yates, at Italy Hill. Public meeting that evening.

26th. Jefferson, at Lafargeville.

28th. Ontario, at Victor, 10 A. M.

—Broome, at Union.

—Wyoming, at Java Village.

—Oswego, at East Palermo.

—Orleans, at Millville.

—Steuben.

—Niagara.

—Suffolk.

—Sullivan.

—Otsego.

—Chautauqua.

—New York.

—Chemung.

—Schuyler.

October.

4th and 5th. Cayuga, at Port Byron, commencing with public meeting on the evening of the 4th.

20th. Kings, at 16 Smith street, Brooklyn, evening.

24th and 25th. Oneida, at Paris Hill, commencing at 2 P. M., on the 24th.

—Schoharie, at North Blenheim.

November.

—Dutchess, at Lagrangeville.

Oneida County Lodge.

THE sixty-third quarterly session of Oneida County Lodge, No. 1, was held in St. David's Hall, Arcade, Utica, on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 18th and 19th, with a very good number of delegates and visitors present.

The reports of the delegates showed a gain in the membership in the old lodges, one new lodge organized and one reorganized.

On Tuesday evening a regular meeting of Excelsior Lodge was held, at which an initiation took place, and Rev. C. H. Beebe, C. C. T., delivered an address. A large number were present from New York Mills Lodge, which, with the members from the lodges in Utica, filled the room to overflowing.

Mrs. A. V. Curtiss was elected delegate to Grand Lodge, and M. D. Lapham alternate.

Paris Hill was selected as the place for holding the next session, which will be on October 24th and 25th, 1882, at 2 P. M.

G. W. C. T. Jones was present on the last day of the session and gave the members many words of encouragement and advice.

During the coming fall and winter an earnest and extra effort will be made to increase the membership of the old lodges, and organize new ones.

W. B. LIGHT, Co. Sec.

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Kings County Lodge.

Kings County Lodge No. 14, met on July 21st at 16 Smith street, Brooklyn, at 8 p. m. J. L. Mitchell, presiding, and L. S. Peacock, C. A. S., recording. Seven lodges were represented.

Mrs. M. A. Jordan, County Superintendent, J. T., submitted a report of the year's work in that department, showing that Unity Juvenile Temple, in South Brooklyn, under the able management of Mrs. H. M. G. Wright, Superintendent, is in excellent condition. Its membership is sixty-seven. Sylvan Spray Temple is not at present meeting.

The Anniversary Committee reported receipts of \$57 and disbursements \$40—leaving a balance due the County Lodge of \$17. The exercises were successful in every respect and as a result the order, locally, had been more prominently than ever brought before the public and its work become better known.

The C. C. T., reported he had received a duplicate charter of the County Lodge from the G. W. S., containing the original date of institution, September 10, 1872, and signed by Henry Ward, G. W. C. T. and D. W. Hooker, G. W. S., whose names appeared upon the original charter. He also reports receiving five copies of the new rituals for County Lodges, just published.

The C. L. proceeded to recommend a C. D. and Co. Supt. J. T., and chose Prof. G. W. Foster, for the former and Mrs. H. M. G. Wright for the latter office. Prof. Foster has well earned a unanimous endorsement for his successful efforts in this office, which he received. Mrs. Wright is abundantly well fitted for the duties of C. S. J. T., and will discharge them faithfully.

The C. C. T. called attention to the fact that the C. L. was instituted September 10, 1872, consequently on September 10th, this year, would occur the tenth anniversary of its institution and suggested that the P. C. D's and C. D., be chosen a special committee to make arrangements to celebrate that event. It was so ordered and the committee chosen were, C. F. Swain, Walter Mandeville, J. S. Bryan, J. L. Mitchell, A. G. McDonald, J. T. Smith and Prof. G. W. Foster. On motion of Bro. W. B. Horn, the P. W. C. T's were appointed a special committee to whom was delegated the matter of

managing and conducting the campaign of the order relating to the constitutional amendment.

A vigorous campaign is being waged in this city by the present commissioners of excise against licensing houses of bad character, of which, formerly, there have been many. Every effort possible, through social and political influence, is being made by the friends of those to whom a license has been refused. In some instances the applicants resort to personal abuse. A committee was appointed to cooperate with the commissioners in all honorable ways in enforcing this regulation.

The next will be the annual session and will be held August 18th, at 16 Smith street, at 8 p. m.

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Rensselaer County Lodge.

RENSSELAER County Lodge convened in annual session at Pittstown, August 30th, E. Van Dyke, C. C. T., in the chair.

The committee on credentials reported all the lodges except one, and one juvenile temple represented.

A full set of officers was elected, and in the evening a large and enthusiastic public meeting was held, addressed by Rev. E. C. Robbins, Rev. N. H. Davis, and G. H. Niver, with a recitation by F. A. Chew.

The next session will be in November with Henry Wilson Lodge, No. 254, of Troy, N. Y.

J. H. DAVIS, C. S.

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Cayuga County Lodge.

The fifth quarterly session of Cayuga County Lodge No. 20, I. O. of G. T., was held with Weedsport Lodge, No. 380, beginning with a public meeting on Wednesday evening July 12, which was well attended. The meeting was presided over by D. C. Gould, C. C. T. W. Martin Jones, G. W. C. T., and Rev. W. C. Hendrickson, P. G. W. C. T., of the G. L. of New Jersey, now a member of United Lodge of Auburn, made excellent addresses. Recitations were given by G. W. Teed, W. C. T., of Prosperity Lodge of Moravia, and Mrs. G. H. Wheeler, C. V. T. Mrs. Sprague and the Misses Pierce of Weedsport, furnished the music.

Thursday morning a prayer and praise meeting was held and at 10 o'clock the County Lodge was called to order and opened in form, the officers using the new County Lodge ritual. Ten of the thirteen lodges were represented, and the reports showed an increase of over three hundred members since the last Co. L. session. Resolutions were adopted, thanking the Grand Lodge for the support it had given the County Lodge in the county work, and recommending the securing of the services of Rev. W. C. Hendrickson, to lecture and organize lodges.

Mr. H. is a great accession to the forces of the order in this state and we rejoice that Cayuga county has him in her membership. Mr. Slawson of Weedsport, was elected as representative to the G. L. and D. C. Gould of Sherwood, alternate. G. H. Wheeler of Auburn, was recommended unanimously, for the fourth consecutive year, for County Deputy. Mrs. H. E. Hoagland, of No. 111, was recommended for County Superintendent of Juvenile Temples. The session was pleasant and full of interest. G. W. C. T. Jones was present throughout and aided with his words of counsel and advice. The next session is to be held at Port Byron, and as the Central New York Conference of the M. E. church is to commence the regular day for the session, it is probable that the lodge will be held a week earlier, commencing on the evening of the 4th of October.

G. H. WHEELER, C. D.

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Seneca County Lodge.

THE sixth quarterly meeting of Seneca County Lodge was held at Lodi Aug. 9, 1882. The lodge was called to order at 11:45 a. m., by H. F. Atkins, C. C. T., and opened with the usual ceremonies. The county having been organized but a year and a half, only three lodges were represented. Although few in numbers, much interest was manifested. The presence of the G. W. C. T., W. Martin Jones, and Sister Draper, seemed to inspire all with courage and enthusiasm, making them feel that the Grand Lodge had an interest in their welfare. At 12:30 the lodge took a recess until two o'clock p. m., and in the interim the ladies prepared a bountiful repast. After the wants of nature were supplied, the lodge was called to order by the G. W. C. T., who made the session very interesting by the instructions given, and his expeditious way of doing business. The lodge adjourned at 5:30 until November 8, 1882.

The public session in the evening was well attended, the large hall being full. The reception address was made by Rev. B. J. Tracey; Mrs. Alice A. Draper, G. L. L., occupied some time in advocating the cause of temperance, after which Brother Jones, in his earnest way, told the people what the I. O. of G. T. was doing for humanity. Papers were circulated through the audience, and the names of three persons were obtained to be initiated, which was done the same evening by Lodi lodge, Bro. Jones acting as W. C. T. After the lodge closed, the members of the county lodge separated, each having a new interest in the temperance work. May our future meetings be many.

FRANK S. RITTER, C. S.

Kings County Lodge.

The regular annual session of this lodge was held on the 18th of August at No. 16 Smith street, J. L. Mitchell, C. C. T., presiding, and G. E. Melius, C. S., recording.

The report of the C. C. T. treated of several subjects of local and general interest to the Order, viz.: "The year's work." "Condition of the Order." "Constitutional amendment." "Political action." "Local excise administration." "Selling liquor to minors." "Pledge the children." "Juvenile Temples." "Our Scandinavian work." "The County Deputy." "The County Lodge." "Unoccupied territory."

The County Lodge will celebrate the twelfth anniversary of its institution on September 10th. The P. C. D.'s and C. D.'s are a sub committee to arrange therefor.

The P. W. C. T.'s were appointed a sub-committee to take charge of the management of the constitution amendment affairs in the interest of the Order in this city. There are some sixty of them. Aggressive action on this line may be expected by the committee.

Mrs. M. A. Jordon, County Superintendent of Juvenile Temples made report of the institution of "Midnight Sun," Juvenile Temples composed of Scandinavian children, to meet every first and third Friday afternoons at four o'clock at the Metropolitan Mission, Atlantic near Fourth avenue.

A new Swedish (Daniel's) lodge was reported instituted August 10th, 1882, by John Seaburg, S. D.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

C. C. T., J. L. Mitchell; C. R. S., Miss Sadie Miller; C. L. S., Miss Jessie Thompson; C. V. T. Mrs. A. Corey; C. S., Lemuel S. Peacock; C. A. S., John Rolston; C. F. S., A. G. McDonald; C. T., W. B. Horn; C. Chaplain, B. Martin; C. M., John T. Smith; C. D. M., Mrs. M. A. Marshall; C. G., Mrs. M. A. Morrell; C. Sentinel, J. H. Downing; County Supt. J. T., Mrs. H. M. G. Wright; Executive Committee, J. W. Cummings, James Wright and W. B. Horn.

Officers were duly enthralled by Bro. B. C. Miller, S. D., with the new C. L. ritual, Bro. C. F. Swain, S. D., assisting. W. B. Horn's C. T. report showed receipts for the year to have been \$92.90, and disbursements \$78.33, leaving a balance on hand of \$14.57.

The special law committee was instructed to take such action as may seem desirable against houses of questionable character that hold licenses to sell liquor and to prevent the granting of licenses to the same. A special committee of five was ordered to arrange for holding a public meeting in October in aid of the R. W. G. L. Fund for temperance literature. The next session will be held at the same place, September 15th, at 8 p. m.

G. E. MELIUS, C. S.

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DEPARTMENT.

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Answers to Prize Enigma No. 10.

1. Rochester. 2. Ithaca. 3. Cross.
4. Crown. 5. Good Deeds. 6. Anchor.
7. Heart. 8. Fountain. 9. Schenectady.
10. Fountain, Cross and Crown, Cross, Anchor, Heart, "CROWNED WITH GOOD DEEDS."

Answers to Prize Charades.

No. 36. Bilfinger.	No. 39. Charleston.
No. 37. Attica.	No. 40. Chatham.
No. 38. Ellwood.	

The Prize Winners.

PRIZE No. 27.—For a correct solution of Prize Enigma No. 10, a one dollar gold piece, awarded by lot to M. K. Sherer, of Dexter, Jefferson county, N. Y., a member of lodge No. 366.

PRIZE No. 28.—For correct answers to Prize Charades Nos. 36 to 40 inclusive, Parker's History of the Order of Good Templars, awarded by lot to John T. Sage, of Middleport, Niagara county, N. Y., a member of lodge No. 396.

Prize Charades.

BY W. M. J.

No. 41.

My first is a latin preposition; my second a verb in the present tense first person, and my whole was a man of large family and of very extensive landed possessions, now sleeping with the patriarchs of old.

No. 42.

My first is a vowel; my second three-fifths of a flaw; my third one-half of a useful carpenter's implement; and my whole was a man of undoubted respectability, although he was the husband of his half sister.

No. 43.

My first is an article; my second, when coupled with a small pronoun, is a very expressive Americanism signifying to conclude or to desist, and my whole is a town on one of the great islands of the Indian Ocean.

No. 44.

My first is one of the Jewish months; my second a vowel; my third a substance much used in cooking, and my whole was a philosopher and teacher of the early part of the twelfth century, greatly distinguished in his own time for his successful contest with Realism and the strong attachment existing between himself and a beautiful and accomplished woman,—to whom he was married, but from whom he was separated in the early part of his wonderful career.

No. 45.

My first was present when each of the four preceding charades was made, and was foremost in the undertaking; my second is very likely to arrive when there is "music in the air," with the merry tinkling bell, while skaters sport on the slippery ice, and spirited steeds go flying over smooth and inviting roads; my third is two-fifths—the third and fourth—of all these; and my whole was a character of ancient history celebrated for having been kept in dresses and with those of the opposite sex until he attained his growth. It is related that his identity was discovered by one seeking him when, on an alarm being given in a company of girls, himself disguised

(to himself as well as to others), the girls ran away, and he sprang to defend them all with shield and spear, purposely left within his reach. He was a great soldier, and won many laurels on the battle field.

Prize Charade No. 41.

BY W. M. J.

I am composed of 109 letters.

1. My 29, 50, 9, 78 (or 108), 41, 34, 76, 16, 56, 18, 89, 100, 84, 59 (or 96), is the title of the poem from which my whole is an extract.
2. My 43, 5, 67, 12, 47, 24, 57, 70, 49, 42, 36, 26 (32, 82 or 95), 17, 13 (or 19), 93, 104, 58, 106, is the name of the author of my whole.
3. My 27, 54 (or 105), 55, 6 (or 91), 68, 25, 17, 45, 85, 62, 44, 28, 8, 22, 20, 1, 86, 14 (or 92), 48, 61, is the title of a little volume by a well known temperance editor and speaker, and in which will be found my first, and a brief biographical sketch of my second.
4. My 11, 38, 52, 31, 74, 18, 65, 71, 39, 79, 4, 35, is the name of a well known lady member of the Order of Good Templars who is particularly interested in the work of Juvenile Temples.
5. My 37, 66, 107, 88, 17, 74, 30, 3, 34, 90, 33, 87, is the name of a well known member of the Order residing in the eastern part of the state of New York.
6. My 80, 101, 72, 81, 21, 74, 2, 63, 23, 40, 60, 99, is the name of a member of the Grand Lodge recently in attendance on that body from the western part of the state.
7. My 94, 103, 61, 83, 21, 67, 7, 18, 69 (or 73), 106, is the name of another well known lady member of our Order residing west of the center of the state.
8. My 10, 74, 102, 56, 45, 103, 53, 64, 52, is the name of another well known member of the order residing south of the center of the state.
9. My 107, 51, 27, 41, 90, 85, 2, 98 (or 78), 46 (or 97), 15 (or 75), 109, 8, is the name of still another member of the Order in New York state.
10. My whole is the last verse of a beautiful little poem by my second that, as the author of my third has said, "touches the popular heart," and was originally published many years ago in *The Galaxy*.

Prizes.

PRIZE No. 29. For a correct solution of Prize Enigma No. 11, to be awarded by lot, a copy of Parker's History of the Independent Order of Good Templars. Presented by the author.

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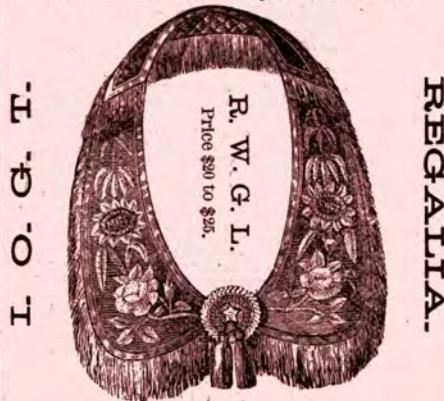
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